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TAGS. GB, BGEN
SUBJECT. SECOND DC-8

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM EASUM

1. FACTS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE HERE CONCERNING PROPOSED SECOND DC-8 SALE TO GABON FAIL TO ESTABLISH ADEQUATE BASIS FOR CONCLUDING THAT SALE WOULD BE UNLAWFUL. LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE STATES HOWEVER THAT CURRENT INFORMATION IS SUFFICIENT TO GIVE SIGNIFICANT INDICATION THAT THE SALE MIGHT REPEAT MIGHT BE UNLAWFUL. LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE RECOMMENDS NO REPEAT NO DECISION UNTIL FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

2. FYI: THESE INVESTIGATIONS WILL INCLUDE INQUIRY NEXT WEEK IN NEW YORK BY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING POSSIBLE LINKAGE BETWEEN BONGO'S REQUEST FOR SECOND PLANE AND THE INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT-BROKERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER OF FIRST AIRCRAFT TO AFFRETAIR. IN MID JUNE A COMMERCE INVESTIGATOR WILL TALK WITH A FORMER CONFIDENTIAL

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AIR RHODESIA ENGINEER IN CALIFORNIA WHO MAY HAVE USEFUL

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INFORMATION. END FYI.

3. I APPRECIATE THE NATURE OF PRESSURES BONGO IS EXERTING ON YOU TO EXPEDITE AFFIRMATIVE DECISION BY DEPARTMENT AND

EXIMBANK ON HIS REQUEST FOR SECOND AIRCRAFT. I CONTINUE TO HOPE HOWEVER THAT HE UNDERSTANDS NATURE OF PROBLEM WITH WHICH WE ARE CONFRONTED IN AFTERMATH AND AS RESULT OF FIRST DC-8 SALE TO GABON. HE SHOULD REALIZE OUR NEED TO INSURE THAT DECISION ON SECOND AIRPLANE IS THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED. THIS MAY TAKE MORE TIME THAN IS AGREEABLE TO HIM, BUT I SEE NO WAY TO AVOID THIS.

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